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AGENDA

1. The Doctrine – Why are we interested in family history?
2. What is “Family Tree?”
   1. A free tool on FamilySearch.org
   2. Everyone works together to build one big tree connecting families through the generation.
   3. Helpful things you should know.
3. Family Tree Overview
4. When My Tree is Empty
5. Getting started
   1. Ask a temple and family history consultant to guide me.
   2. Identify what level of expertise I am at and start from there.
   3. Practice navigating through the tree and explore the different tabs.
   4. Identify the living bridges needed (IF ANY) to connect me with my deceased ancestors.
   5. Search for HOLES (missing ancestors) in my tree and start filling in the blanks, as far as possible.
6. Keep notes/research log of my activities.

**Assignments: (Follow Instructor’s lead)**

1. Create my own account on *FamilySearch,* or update preferences/settings if I already have an account.
2. Explore my Family Tree on *FamilySearch* 
   1. Examine all 4 views of my tree.
   2. Do I see any “green temples?” If so, see if the ordinances are ready to be reserved.
   3. Do I see any holes or missing information? If so I can start researching one of these
   4. Move my gggpaternal grandfather to the primary position and use descendancy view to see if there are any hints, research suggestions or temple ordinances available.
3. Examine the “person” (detailed page) for my gggmaternal grandmother. Explore the information that is there and how it is laid out.
4. Print a pedigree chart with myself as the first generation.
5. Print a family group record with one set of my great grandparents as husband and wife.
6. Practice and re-practice the steps outlined in the:

**“Family Tree Quick-Start Guide”**

**Handouts:**

1. Agenda
2. Family Tree Quick-Start Guide

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/img\_auth.php/f/f4/Quick\_Start\_Guide\_2021.pdf

1. FamilySearch - Tree Overview - BYU Family History Library Document

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/img\_auth.php/1/18/FamilySearch-Tree-Overview-Handout.Oct-2018-BYU.docx

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3. Family History for Beginners: <https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_for_Beginners>
4. Helping Others get started with Family History: Research Process <https://www.familysearch.org/ask/learningViewer/1934>
5. A Simple Start to Family History:

<https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/simple-start-family-history/>

1. BYU Family History Library – Classes & Webinars – Family History Basic Tutorials

https://fh.lib.byu.edu/classes-and-webinars/